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[PRICE \$2. PER MONTH.]

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
November 12, TAIWAN, British, str., 409, M. Young, Formosa 8th November, Amoy 10th, and Swatow 11th, General. — J. L. LAM & Co.
November 12, FORT, British, str., 830, J. Cowper, Newcastle, N.S.W., 11th September, Coal. — OLYPHANT & Co.
November 12, HANSA, German bark, 409, J. — J. Cowper, Newcastle, N.S.W., 11th September, Coal. — OLYPHANT & Co.
November 12, DONKON, Newchuan 29th October, Br. — WILSON & Co.
November 12, CONGO, German bark, 368, H. Stephens, Newchuan 4th Nov. Beans. — STEPHENS & Co.

DEPARTURES.
November 12, VIKING, British, paddle de-
spatch-boat, for Canton.
November 12, DAVEN, British steamer, for
Bangkok.
November 12, ANCHER, British steamer, for
Straits Settlements.
November 12, EMU, Span. str., for Amoy.
November 12, GLENOR, Brit. str., for Yoko-
hama.

CLEARANCES.
At the Harbour Master's Office,
November 12th.
Anchero, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
Chango, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
Glenor, British steamer, for Yoko-hama.
Davy, British steamer, for East Coast.
Alby, British steamer, for Hainan.
Spindrag, British bark, for Singapore.
Challenge, British bark, for New York.

PASSENGERS.
For Taiwan, str., from Formosa, &c. —
Messrs. Baker, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Baugman,
Messrs. Looker, Brown, and Karas, and 44 Chi-
nese.
For Canton, from Newchuan, —
3 Chinese.
For Amoy, str., from Singapore, &c. —
Lieut. F. W. K. and 150 Chinese.

REPORTS.
The German bark *Chango* reports left New-
chuan on 4th November, and had fresh N.E. and
Northerly winds and fine weather the whole
passage.
The British bark *Fifth of North* reports left
Newchuan, N.S.W., on 11th September, and had
light winds during the passage until passing the
Yueh-shan, where strong winds from the N.W. and
N.E. were met.

The British bark *Hansa* reports left New-
chuan on 8th November, Amoy on the 10th,
and Swatow on the 11th. From Swatow to
Amoy experienced strong N.E. wind and heavy
sea, from Amoy to Swatow fresh N.W. winds
and fine, clear weather. In Amoy the
steamer *Chango*, *Yueh-shan*, and *Chango*,
U.S. gunboat *Delaware*, from Hong Kong,
and *Chango*, *Chango*, and *Chango*,
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YOKOHAMA SHIPPING.
October —
31, Sunda, British steamer, from Hongkong.
31, Kokoro Maru, Jap. str., from Shanghai.
November —
2, Andros, German gunboat, from Nagasaki.
October —
25, J. H. Ingersoll, Amr. bark, for Nagasaki.
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SINGAPORE SHIPPING.
October —
30, Charles Loring, Ger. ship, from Cardiff.
30, Fanny, British str., from Bangkok.
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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.
DURING my absence from the Colony, Mr.
MIGUEL MARIA MAHER is author-
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Macao, 9th November, 1878. [11661]
NOTICE.
THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF
MAYOR THOMAS CHARTERED BANK
CEASED on the 31st December last.
HONGKONG, 13th June, 1878. [101691]
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTES FRANCAIS
HONGKONG AGENCY.
From this date, until further notice, Mr. L.
HONNIGMAN will assume the MANAGEMENT
of the COMPANY'S OFFICE at this Port.
H. de POUBRY,
Agent.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1878. [1810]

NOTICE.
We beg to inform all the Shippers and
the Public in general that both BOB
and JACK, our late Pilots, have left our em-
ployment, and we do not hold ourselves RE-
SPONSIBLE for any transactions entered into
by them on our account.
Hongkong, 17th May, 1878. [10930]
NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COM-
PANY.
From this date, and during the absence of
the undersigned, Mr. HENRI D. DICKY,
STARKLEY is authorized to act as AGENT
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J. KENNARD DAVIS,
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BANKS.

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(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER).
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And
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Terms of Sale. — As customary.
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8,000 Bundles NAIL-ROD IRON.
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and ROUND IRON.
More or less damaged by sea water.
Terms of Sale. — Cash, before delivery in
Bank Notes. The Lot or Lots, with all Faults
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the Dimensions of the Vessel per register are
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height and not less. Depth of Lower Hold is
16 feet 9 inches.
The "ARABIA" was built at Quebec in 1864,
her Bottom is of Elm, her Tonnage of Tons,
and she is a Copper-bottomed to land line,
she had a special survey for five years and large
repairs, including New Decks, Beams, &c., &c.,
at Liverpool in 1873; and she was Cautered and
Re-rigged last year.
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The Daily Press.

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How to treat criminals is clearly the question of the hour in this Colony. On Monday, a long debate on this subject was commenced in the Legislative Council and will be continued next week. The branch of the question immediately under discussion was the enlargement or removal of the Gaol, but it is impossible to consider this without previous investigation of the general subject.

And it seems to have gained firm hold on the minds of the gentlemen in the Colonial Office that further good accommodation must be provided in Hongkong.

What has given rise to this impression is not very clear, but Mr. HENNESSY evidently wishes it to be understood that it did not originate with him. We cannot but think that the popular conditions of this Colony have been largely overlooked in Downing Street, it is indeed, they have been considered at all. In dealing with criminals in the United Kingdom and in dealing with them in Hongkong different factors enter into the consideration of the question, and the conclusions must necessarily be entirely different. In England the criminal class form part of the permanent population of the country, and must be dealt with in such a way that while deterring others by the fear of the punishment inflicted, the reformation of the criminal may, if possible, be effected. This in England there is some prospect of accomplishing, and it is the clear and distinct duty of the nation to work for the reclamation of the predatory and vagabond classes. In Hongkong it would be utopian to attempt to deal with the criminal class on reformatory principles. They do not form a part of the settled population; they are marauders who visit the Colony solely for the purpose of plunder. If they escape detection they come again; if they are caught they are little for a term of imprisonment. The main object to be kept in view, in considering this question, is to rid the Colony of these dangerous characters, and this can only be done by the infliction of severe punishment when they are found committing depredations here. The Gaol Committee, which sat in 1876, in their report said—"Owing to the peculiar circumstances of this Colony and the fact that by far the larger proportion of the criminals confined in the gaol are Chinese, whose language is but little known to those who have charge of them, whose characters and dispositions are imperfectly understood, and of whose previous history and lives it is almost impossible to obtain any knowledge, any attempt to cultivate their higher faculties and to improve their moral condition seems hopeless." This opinion was strongly confirmed by His Excellency in his speech in prison discipline in September, last year, but we think, however, that it may sound; it must commend itself to the common sense of all who have had experience of the class of criminals frequenting Hongkong.

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gaol. As to the ruin on Stonecutter's Island, we certainly never thought to hear of the removal of this confessed female being moved. The Hon. C. M. A. V. who has the courage of his convictions, like a doughty champion boldly denies that it ought ever to be a failure and stoutly advocates its re-inauguration. After all the adverse criticism of this scheme for so many years past it was quite refreshing on Monday to hear the Active Colonial Secretary declare himself the officer of it and plead with no small ability in its favour. If it were simply an interesting problem in chess that we were working out nothing would be more entertaining than to give the gentleman his move back and let him start afresh, but when the pieces played with the game becomes rather too serious a nature to try experiments which have been unsuccessfully attempted before. To mention, in passing, one matter of detail, although the site on Stonecutter's Island would cost nothing, the cost of transferring prisoners to and from would probably represent as much as the interest on a capital sum of about \$20,000. There would also, as Mr. M. V. admits, have to be a house of detention in Victoria of considerable size and requiring the maintenance of a separate staff. The extension of the existing gaol up to Cairne-road appears to us upon more impracticable than the restoration of the ruins on Stonecutter's Island. In the absence of figures as to cost we are unable to go into the question fully, but there can be no doubt that the enlargement of the Gaol in the direction of Cairne-road would involve an expense which the Colony, notwithstanding the flourishing state of its finances as represented by His Excellency's last Budget, ought not to be called upon to bear. It would, we fancy, swallow up as much of Mr. HENNESSY's surplus for years to come that the hope of a permanent reduction of taxation would very soon fade into thin air. The only scheme of gaol alteration the carrying out of which would be viewed with any unanimity by the public, would be an inexpensive conversion of the present building to the separate system and perhaps the inclusion in its precincts of the Magistrate's Compound; and the necessity for even this has yet to be demonstrated.

The public despatch boat Vigilant left here yesterday morning, with Commodore Watson on board, for Canton.

We would direct attention to a translation of a despatch by General Li Yung-chih, the rebel leader, to the Tatar General at Canton, published in another column.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) inform us that the O. S. S. Company's steamer *Mermaid*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on Monday morning.

Yesterday morning while the Supreme Court was sitting a heavy cross-bow fell from the roof of the Court House and nearly killed Mr. Sangster as he was passing out of the Court door, the beam falling at his feet. The Court started a portion of the ceiling below, which also came down.

We understand that an amateur concert will be given at St. Andrew's Hall on Tuesday, the 19th inst., in commemoration of the fifteenth anniversary of the death of the celebrated composer Schubert. The music will chiefly be not entirely confined to the productions of the great master it is intended to honour.

We (Singapore Courier) understand that the Marquis Tien, who is about to leave for Europe, takes with him his wife and daughter, and his boys and girls. The Secretary of Legation, who married the sister of the Marquis, is also taking his wife with him. The Marquis numbers 40 persons in his household, and it is said that the intention of the Marquis to present his credentials in Paris before going on to London.

The September-October number of the *China Review* is to hand. Most of the papers are continuations of previous articles of more or less interest to the Chinese scholar. "Ethnological Sketches from the *Shan-Hsi*," by T. W. K. K. is a very interesting paper, and the writer promises to be a valuable one. There is a historical and literary interest in "Notes and Queries" several subjects of interest are brought forward.

It will be seen by advertisement in another column that Miss May has announced a benefit concert which will take place on Monday, the 19th inst., in aid of the performance of the Opera Company on Thursday, Miss May will make her last appearance on the Lyric stage in this Colony, previous to her departure for Shanghai. The benefit concert will be a most important one of the Choral Society and others, and we think the beneficiaries may reckon upon an overflowing house.

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